

## Leela Han

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To: Pam@LSPOA

Subject: September 2020 LSPOA minutes

LAKE SOMERSET PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION  
REGULAR BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

Date: September 10, 2020

Pledge of Allegiance: Jodi Dalhberg

### **Call to Order:**

Jodi Dalhberg called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm.

### **Board Members Present:**

President – Jodi Dahlberg

Vice President - Linda Walker

Building Control - Kelly Langley

Parks - Terry Taylor

Roads - Eric Mozer (via Zoom)

Security - Jeff Bennett

Water Quality - Don Tappan (via Zoom)

### **Board Members Absent:**

Treasurer – Michael Dear

Secretary – Leela Han

### **Officers Reports:**

- **Secretary – Linda Walker on behalf of Leela Han**

Presented August 13, 2020 minutes. Kelly Langley requested to amend the August minutes to include the total amount of \$100 for the two permits issued in August. On a motion by Kelly Langley and seconded by Jeff Bennett, the minutes were approved.

- **President – Jodi Dahlberg**

- Dredging: Moving the dredging to dredge path 7 and 3. Path 7 will be operated first then move to cove 5 to run the new pipe. Will take about a couple of days to set up to start on the path 7. Path 7 is cleaned up very well which will make the work around that area much easier. Many members have been mentioning about increased amount of weeds floating

around and the reason for this is when cove 2 was being dredged, the weeds were so thick that they had to stop the dredger every 2 hours to pull out the weeds and put the dredger back to work. When the weeds were pulled out, they floated across the lake. This was what caused the weed increase therefore the weed increase issue is only temporary. Dredge path 7 and inlet 1 are relatively smaller than other areas, so it is expected to be done quite quickly. After these areas are done, the dredge will move to the dredge path 8 and then move into the Killybegs Lane cove. We just obtained the permit to work in that area to dredge back to the original point when the lake was originally built. They will be taking out about 300 cubic yards of the additional materials out of the dirt part. DEQ requires us to plant vegetation in that area in order to stabilize it after it is dredged. Savin will be handling this task.

- Weir at inlet 1: DEQ was out and inspected the area. We were specific about our plan- for this area to be a natural habitat and nice long pond with gravel and park-like features to it. They are looking into it. We pointed out the farmers' fields and the pipes coming out of the lands and our concerns. They are discussing these issues. The permit has set timing for the 30 days of review and 30 days of investigation. We will not be getting answers before December or January.

- **Vice President – Linda Walker**

- Packets with ballots have been sent out to the members. Note that it is one ballot per lot, not per owner. The guide is provided for voting practice such as who is eligible to vote and how the vote can be submitted remotely if not physically voting. There is a group of people volunteering to help with the vote in our October annual meeting. The names of the volunteers will be provided at the next meeting. If ballots have not been received, contact the office manager and Pam will look into it.
- Building Committee: The first meeting will be held this month. The volunteers for this committee are listed in the August meeting minutes.

- **Treasurer-Jodi Dahlberg on behalf of Michael Dear**

- Dredging accounts are cleared out.
- We have taken the first draw from the line of credit to pay the next installment of the dredging.

- If we spend everything, including additional dredging in inlet 2 of the entrance point, the way we had planned, we are still \$20,900 positive.
- Financials approved following Linda Walker's motion to accept and seconded by Kelly Langley and everybody's approval.

- **Security-Jeff Bennett**

- Keeping the guard until the end of September, and after that it will be locked until reopening as done in the last year. The locking day is the last day of September. Anyone who cannot get the boat out by that time will have to make the arrangement with a key holder.
- Next year we will be changing the locks. Those who have the keys will have to bring them in to exchange.
- We will be installing a better camera next year to monitor the activities.
- Ice fishing: we are going to back the tag and flag system as in the last year. We are looking for volunteers who can patrol the area to ensure the only authorized people are fishing. We cannot hire someone for a liability issue and it has to be someone from the membership.

- **Building Control-Kelly Langley**

- Approved two (2) permits in August for a garage and an addition for \$225 total for both. The addition came with variances, but the garage was straightforward.

- **Parks-Terry Taylor**

- Erosion on the east side of the main park: We received a bid one for \$1,750 for putting the same size stones that are already in now by the west side. No permit is necessary for this.
- Volleyball area and the east park erosion: Suggestion is to put the borders around it and fill it with sand. The volleyball area is 4 to 5 feet away from the net and it should not be hindrance for any activities.
- Next spring: planning to get more sand in all beaches.
- Playground equipment: will be taken out and sand-blasted and epoxy-painted. Comes with 10 years warranty on fading and peeling. Merry go round should be taken apart to sand blast; we cannot do it on site due to the regulations. Doing all the playground equipment at once is more cost effective than doing it individually. This is scheduled to be done next spring.

- **Roads – Eric Mozer**

- Met with Tim Shaw and reviewed some of the roads. Asked him to join the board meeting in November to address any issues and explain plans for the roads at that time. Therefore, bring in the questions for the roads in November at the meeting.
- Jodi Dahlberg: Emailed Senator Mike Shirkey about the roads, mismanagement of funds, and how some of our roads are falling apart. His response stated that if his office keeps getting more emails/letters about this issue, they will start an investigation. Therefore, we can email the Senator Shirkey to get something done.

- **Water Quality-Don Tappan**

- This year was moderately bad with wild celery, but not as bad as 2 years ago. The weather is getting cooler so the problem should be over by now.
- We have been getting positive feedback from members about the benefits of dredging.
- Harvester maintenance has been going well. One of our drivers went back to school and the other has health issues. Jeff Bennett and Dave McFall stepped up whenever they could and helped with harvester. The help has made a huge difference. The harvester is essential especially around this time as wild celery around this time cannot be treated with chemicals. Wild celery should be treated when they are young. Wild celery are otherwise beneficial plants for fish and wild life so the only heavily infested areas where it becomes big issue to a navigation should be treated.
- We are looking for more harvester drivers.
- Asking members to volunteer to manage our water quality. There is a citizen's water quality management program where people can be trained to take water samples. The more water samples we can obtain, the better we can manage. We asked Savin to get water samples, but the cost was much too high and we didn't hire them to do so.

**Old Business:**

- Jodi Dahlberg: We are getting more emails on light pollution. People are putting up motion lights right towards the lake and they flood right into

someone's bedroom. If there is a bright light on the lake front, please consider other neighbors and be polite.

### **New Business:**

None

### **Audience Participation:**

- What kind of vegetation will be planted in the Killybegs Lane cove area?
- Jodi Dahlberg answers: Leafy plants that are Michigan native.
- Can owners of the Killybegs Ln cove area put the seawall up?
- Jodi Dahlberg answers: Not until the dredging is done and the area is stabilized with the vegetation. The permit requires us to do so. Before the owners do anything around that area, the dredging and then inspection on it must be done first.
- Wouldn't it be better to have Tim Shaw at the October annual meeting when there are a lot of members participating to discuss about the roads?
- Eric Mozer answers: Will try to have Tim Shaw for the October meeting.
- Are wild celery treatable? If we know certain areas have a wild celery problem, why are we not treating that area when they are young every year? Also, if the strategy is to let it come and live out their life cycle, we should have weed collection way more often than once a week especially during the month of August. If this is a regular thing every year, then we should think about how we can make it more manageable. If the harvester is that important for this issue, then we need to pay the proper amount of money for people to operate the harvester more regularly. We are living in a such short window of summer and the weed problem should not be hindrance to the lake life during the summer.
- Don Tappan answers: Wild celery must be treated when they are young to knock them back. Once they get older, they have tough surface and are resistant to the herbicides. For the rest of this year, Savin suggested to wait as they will be gone within a few weeks. Savin was out early this year to treat them, but DEQ limits what we can do. It is a native plant and we are not supposed to kill it without caution. We have to be very careful about killing plants. What killed Lake Leanne was the over use of herbicide. After they killed off native plants, they got a huge matt of Eurasian milfoil, so we have to be cautious. Wild celery is a problem but it is a native plant and is beneficial. They also keep invasive species down acting as a ground cover.

If we over kill it, we will be opening up the spots for the invasive species. That is why we need to be careful and do our best to mechanically harvest them as best as we can. It is a struggle to get people to get out there to pick up the weeds, even after giving them a raise. It is a labor-intensive job.

- Why are we not running the harvester every day?
- Don Tappan answers: We did up until the mid-August and the operator had to go back to school. Other than the harvester maintenance which we lost about a few days, it ran every day. But mid-August is pretty late for wild celery. They peak from late July through early August.
- Jodi Dahlberg states: We will get together with Savin and Pam and see what we can do about the wild celery issue. However, this is not a swimming pool; it is a lake. We need these vegetations to keep the lake as a lake. Also, if we have kids living in home, please ask their help to work outside to remove those weeds.
- How much does a harvester operator get paid?
- Jeff Bennett answers: \$12/hr.
- Audience: The amount will probably limit the number of people showing up. The way the harvester ran last month for a couple of weeks, it was not effective and the problem will remain the same. We have to train the operator properly. People would be willing to pay more to have the harvester run consistently and regularly to do an effective job than not paying and not doing it at all. We have the budget to spend on herbicidal task.
- Jodi Dahlberg states: We will definitely look into the issue and do a better job on handling this next year. However please remember that the budget is also used for dredging as well.
- We should not run the harvester before the holiday as it causes weeds floating around too much.
- Don Tappan answers: People have the notion of how harvester causes the weed floating problem. However the harvester keeps 90% of what it cuts. A lot of times, the weed floating is caused by heavy boat traffic. So whether we use the harvester or not, the weeds will be floating around.
- We thank Jodi for all the hard work for managing the dredging.
- We need to revote to reup the dues so that we can have the fund ready for dredging for the next 10 years.
- Jodi Dahlberg answers: We are not approaching this issue this October with recent dues increase, but next year, it will be on the ballot.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m. with a motion by Linda Walker and seconded by Kelly Langley and all in favor.

Respectfully Submitted,

Leela Han, Secretary

Lake Somerset Property Owners Association Board of Directors